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SUBJECT ABDUCTED NUNS

1. BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT MOTHER SUPERIOR MARIE JOSEPHE, HEAD OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS HAD SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HER APRIL 19 THAT SHE FINDS NO EVIDENCE TO CONVINCE HER THAT SISTER ALICIA AND SISTER LEONIE--ABDUCTED HERE DURING DECEMBER--ARE DEAD. MARIE JOSEPHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING HER VISIT HERE SHE WAS UNABLE TO ESTABLISH WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE NUNS FATE.

2. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT DURING HER VISIT HERE OF SEVERAL WEEKS MARIE JOSEPHE HAS LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED IN TRACKING DOWN THIS MYSTERY.
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